18 or 9 Barren and Isolated rocks which cover an
Area of 30 1/4 Acres and are inhabited only by A species
of Aquatic bird called Booby's of which there are thousands
on these rocks- and by A small species of Crabs of which
there are many thousands to be seen clinging to the
perpendicular face of the rocks; the Island presents A very
white appearance from the Ocean which whiteness is
caused by the excresencies of the birds before mentioned
whose nests fill every ledge and crevice of the rocks
But to return to the fishing; after considerable trouble
we succeeded in throwing A rope over A ledge of rock
and made it fast; after which we stayed there A few
hours and caught quite A number of Fish and finally
got on board again just before Dinner when we made
sail and soon took our Last farewell of St; Pauls;
21st sometime Last night we crossed the Equator and
are now begining to rise in our Latitudes again; Today
is very fine for us the wind is fair and strong from the
Southeast which sends us on our course South South West
with considerable velocity; On the 22nd Wind and course
same as yesterday; 23rd Ditto; —— 24th Ditto.
Saturday November 25th This morning A circumstance
-ance rather strange and unusual to most of us took place
Our Cook gott up this morning and went to the binnacle
as usual for A Light and while there the second Mate
began talking to him and found fault with him for
not cleaning his Coppers oftener and for the Tea being bad
and provoked him considerably; and the Cook asked him if
the Captain had desired him to speak about it and when
he found that he had mentioned it of his own accord he
told him that if he would mind his own business that
he would do the same; upon which the Mate called him
A damned Nigger and made A Lounge at him to strike
him but missed his aim and recieved on his part A
blow from the Cook; and then they closed and the Cook had
advantage when the Mate called upon the steerer of
boat to hand him the Cooks axe to knock the damned
Negers brains out; just then the 1st Mate and Cooper came

upon deck and seperated them; as soon as they
The 2nd Mate ran forward and seized a scrubbe
Cook got a knife; at this point the Captain came
ordered ~~him~~ the Cook into the rigging but he refused and ran
forward followed by the Captain with a beaver and by the
First Mate with a handspike they followed him down into
the forecastle and ordered him upon deck but he refused to
upon which the mate told him to go up or he would be
killed as sure as the devil but it was a long time before he
would go up and be flogged but he finally did so and was sent
up to the Mizzen rigging and the Captain gave him one
dozen blows without calling the crew to witness punishment
nor informing them of ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~of~~ reason of it; This high handed
manner of proceeding was not much relished by the crew gen
erally and some of the Boatsteerers ventured to remonstrate
with him which together with some language the Cook used
raised his anger so that he struck him another severe blow
When the flogging was finished the Cook told the Captain that
he should go below; if he did so the captain said that he should
be put on ~~deck~~ ~~with irons~~ do. and he was removed from
the forecastle to the steerage; and thus the case remains
at present; Sunday 26th Weather fine wind East, Course
South West; 27th Wind North East Course South West
Weather Clear and pleasant 28th This morning
about half past 9 O'clock Land was descried from
the Mast head and in about an hour after it was
to Be seen off the deck; before noon we Jacke
Ship and we bore off to the South East whic
is our course at present — 29th sometimes
Last night the Ship was Jacked again and s
have been running South West all day to da
The wind remains stationary at the North E
This morning A Sail was descried on our
Weather Quarter bearing down on the same
Jack that we were and she continued to do fo
2 or 3 hours when she Tacked us and bore off
the East ward — November 30th Today at Noo
~~celebrated~~ As Thanksgiving and Feasting and Enjo

and is much softer than the one we caught the other
Day to day is fine again but is extremely hot and oppres-
sive we find that it affords quite A room for contrast
when we compare the Month of November here in 10
North Latitude and at home in 42 There they begin
to feel the cold of Winter while we are schorching under
the intense heat of the Equatorial regions — Wednesday
the 15th Today we have A fine Westerly Breeze Which sends
us South at A very good rate — 16th ~~Wind same~~ Wind
East course same as yesterday — 17th wind and course
same as yesterday This afternoon A Brig was re-
ported of the Larboard Bow she approached within
5 or 6 miles of us and then bore off to the Northward
Saturday the 18th Weather fine today with A fine breze
from the South East sail reported again this morning
off the Lee Bow we are today in about 4 Degrees North
Latitude But with our present Breze we shall
soon be to the Southward of the Line This afternoon
we Bent 2 new Sails 1 Foretop Sail and Topgallant
Sail and A mainstopgallant Sail — — — — —
Sunday the 19th of November Weather fine with A strong
Breeze from the South East We head about South South
West we are about 1 degree North Latitude at the present
time of Writing — Monday 20th Last night our skipper
gave ~~Orders~~ orders that A sharp Lookout should be
kept as we were not far from the Island of St. Pauls
But nothing was seen of it till this morning when it
was seen on our Starboard Bow and in the course of
2 or 3 hours we had got down to about A mile to
windward of it when the Mates boat was Lowered
and sent off for the purpose of procuring some fish
which abound in the Neighborhood of this Island. We
pulled very near to it but found no place where the
boat could Lie with safety as the Surf Dashes with great
violence against the rocks; There is no Beach on this
Island But it rises in one solid ~~rock~~ uninhabited rock
from the Bosom of the Ocean whose waves are con-
tinually Dashing against its rocky sides: We

off the Cabin stairs naked as they were to know what was the matter; upon inspection it was found that the Medicine Chest had been upset and A large amount of Medicine entirely destroyed: The loss of which had fretted the Captain considerably: Bettys was Dismissed from the helm and I took his place. and I shall not forget very soon the miserable look he bore as he whispered this is always my Luck! this looks and the whole affair throughout was so very Ludrerous that I cannot help Laughing every time I think of it although the poor fellow feels keenly about it; it has rained almost the whole of to day and bids fair for more: the wind blows steady from the East most part of the time; Wednesday the 8th Today is quite pleasant again the wind East, and our course South; Nov, the 9th To day we have been just one Month on board of this vessel, and no Month that I have ever passed appears to have flown quicker than the Last Indeed! if the next 29 are equally as short I shall have nothing to regret providing Our voyage is successful although we have caught nothing yet; The Wind and our course are the same as yesterday but it has clouded up and it rains heavyly this afternoon Friday 10th Today it has rained all day until about 5 O'clock when it cleared up and bids fair for A fine Day tomorrow; Nov, 11th This morning all hands were called at Daylight to man the boats and lower for Black Fish; 3 boats were lowered and after ~~Pursuing~~ A pursuit of 2 or 3 hours Duration The Boat to which I belong Harpooned A Cow Fish and brought him on board and thus ended our first Blubber hunting expedition; Sunday the 12 This morning we lowered for Black Fish Again But without success — 13th weather clear and pleasant the Sea almost Calm; Indeed scarcely A ripple has disturbed the surface of the Water for the last 3 days; 14th This morning saw A school of porpoises under the Bows and after the 3rd Attempt the Mate struck one of them and we hoisted him on board it was A fine large fellow about 8 feet in length

Some how I have made A mistake of 2 days in reckon

which I must correct on the 1st of Nover

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Sunday

with A steady Breeze from the Eastward .25th weather the same, 27th Ditto .28th Squally with A heavy running .29th High winds with frequent showers, 30th the weather continues the same as it has been for the last 2 days This Evening between 5 and 6 O'clock we Spoke An Hermaphrodite Brig bound for the Spanish Main. This morning for the first time I went for the first time to the Foretopmast Cross Trees for the purpose of looking out for Wrecks But I was too sick to attend to any thing else but vomiting. Sunday the 31st ult. weather is as fine as ever and is extremely disagreable scarcely an hour passes over our heads without A shower and if below the Forecastle leaks so badly that cont together They make A Life on the Ocean wave an A Home on the rolling Deep look the reverse of Pleasant. Monday the 1st of October. To Day

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Promised me but never mind; here goes for the wide Ocean: Friday the 15th for the last 2 (or 3) days I have been most awful seasick! seasick. the very name expresses all that is miserable and I have had my share of it since Tuesday there has been a steady gale from the eastward which has sent us pitching and rolling through the gulf stream (at a rapid rate?). Sunday the 17th this day I have ~~been~~ busily engaged learning --- Father Mudges presents which I find very entertaining and instructive read at sea for which I hereby repeat my thanks to him. Sunday the 24th SINCE the last Sabbath we have been sailing ABOUT A southeast course and are now in about 30 North latitude. we have had fine weather most of the Time of the week. ~~Last~~ On Wednesday we saw a bird not for long on our Larboard beam steering ~~North~~ West ward at on Thursday we saw another one on Starboard beam heading in the same direction.

whales of the finback back species have occasionally been seen from the masthead.

We have been on the water just 3 weeks and have been
a sea about long enough to get habituated to the
rolling and pitching of the Vessel while on deck.
But going Aloft renders me perfectly sick. Indeed
the weather has been rugged enough to make any
one so. With the Exception of 3 or 4 days fine weather
we have had A stiff Breeze and A rough sea most part
of the time. for the last week we have had very squally
weather But today the wind has lulled A little and my
Spirits have risen in proportion. Our course for the
Last week has been about South East and we are now
now within 6 or 7 days sail of Cape De Verde Isles. Yet
Although we may See Land it is not expected that
we shall Enter any Port for 4 or 5 months: About
which time we expect to touch at the Isle of Juan
Fernandez. or at the Port of Callao on the West coast
of South America. Today A Sail was reported from
the Masthead on our Larboard Bow but at the time
of writing this it has not been seen from the Deck.

Tuesday November the 1st. Today has been A very
miserable one; it has continued squally and rainy from
the Eastward During the whole day and has given us A
Thorough drenching. Wednesday 2nd This morning about one
O'clock A Sail was seen off the Weather Bow and since day
light the weather has cleared up and has become quite
pleasant again; The wind still continues Easterly
and is rather favorable for us as our Course is about
South. Wednesday 2nd Weather quite pleasant with
able winds. Thursday the 3rd Today we lowered our boat
for the first time after A Black Fish but we did
not succeed in catching them; as it was the first
time that several of us Green hands had had
pulled an Oar we made Awkward and Sic
work of it; but Practice makes perfect. and we
hope to learn by and bye. Friday weather still fine
with Easterly winds. Saturday 4th weather and wind
Same as yesterday. Sunday the Sixth of November
Today we have been [illegible]

Have had since we have been out of Port. We have only ship duty to do on Sunday and perform Sobriety and Steadyness A Sabbath at Sea is far preferable to one Ashore, Indeed! we are far more likely to fulfill that command which says Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy here than any where else for there is no temptation here to induce us to profane it; This afternoon the cry of All hands ahoy! was heard from the Mast Head Discovered Black Jack 4 miles of on the Weather bow But we made an attempt to obtain them — 7th to Day has been rather squally with conoiderable rain — 8th last night at most unusual circumstance took place which although somewhat disastrous in its consequences has proved A source of great Amusement to me There is A young Fellow in the Larboard Watch; to which I belong; by the name of Bellows from the western part of Massachusetts; of a solemn cast of countenance but of a very clever obliging disposition, Indeed! the worst failing he is A lack of self confidence which is the cause of his being in A number of scrapes; When the Word is given to the Helm if the Officer of the Watch gives him an order he fulfills it but instead of shifting it when it arrives at a proper position; he keeps it stationary untill he is Aroused by the ships being All Aback! or by the hoarse voice of the Officer demanding to know what the Devil he is About! The poor Fellow declares that Fate is against him; for no sooner do I take the helm says he; Than A squall is sure to take us or else there is A lull one of which is as bad as the other; Thus he said and to Avoid the rain and the Skipper he Desired to exchange his Trick in the Daylight for mine at night to which I consented; but he had not been at the helm 15 minutes Last night the Ship was All Aback! and beginning to gather stern way the mate rushed in at the Cabin Windows and Aroused the Captain and mate who were Aboard, and they came running

We ran aground and were forced to get out our Boats which being assisted by the boats belonging to A French Whale ship which lies in the Harbour with considerable exertion we finally got her off and at the present time of writing are: Some 8 or 10 miles from the Land. While lying in port 3 of our hands ran away; 2 before the Mast and the Steward. it is supposed that we shall return for the purpose of recovering them; Dec 7 Leaving Port this Morning being only intended to bring them and Draw them from their hiding places; Monday February 25th from the Day that we left Valdivia harbour until Friday last we had very severe gales with occasionaly A few hours calm after which it would blow as strong as ever. On Friday it became quite calm and the Captain thinking we were nearly opposite the Port concluded to lower and go Ashore; After they left the Ship we discovered that we were Some 25 miles to Windward and kept running off and on until Saturday afternoon when we came to the entrance of the Harbour and took the Boat on board they having had to pull some 20 miles before they arrived at Valdivia and when there they met with no success in finding the runaways; Yesterday we lowered after Right Whales but after pulling until Noon we returned on board without success; Afternoon the ~~Starboard~~ Starboard boat lowered again and pulled until Night but were unsuccessful as usual; —— This morning we have A good Breeze and A sail has been seen from the Masthead;

Will be the Order of the Day; Then will vanish huge Pies
& Pastry and Confectionary And Then Will many A
Fat Goose And Turkey Lose the number of Their Mess
To give A better A better Zest to the Gormandizings
Of Their Master Man To satiate his ravenous propensity
to devour; But Let that pass for the sake of the consideration
That Once in A Year on this day all men Whether Rich or Poor
are endeavoring to be Happy; That on this day care and
Anxiety are cast Aside and A Loose is given to Pleasure
Therefore Bless the good Old Custom And Pray Heaven
It may be Kept up; Our Celebration here at Sea is
Rather Peculiar Though I Presume We can be as Thankful
for A Dinner of Salt Junk and Hard Bread as for
The Greatest Rarities; Today the Wind and our Course
Are the same as Yesterday; A Sail was seen This morning
on our Lee Beam supposed to be the one seen Yesterday
December the 1st 1843 What A Contrast does
Things present to What I have been accustomed
to Hold at
At Home the Face of the Ary is covered with
Thick White Garment which Nature annually
Spreads for the renovation of the Earth But
Which gives A cold and cheerless aspect to things
in general and nought looks cheerful but the
Fireside of Home But here to the Southward
of the Equator on the Coast of Brazil Every thing
is directly the reverse here the air soft and balmy
the Sky is clear and pleasant and the Surface of
the Ocean is seldom ruffled by any thing but
Gentle Breezes, and the Sun at noon attains
such an altitude as to shine on both sides
of the Fence at once; This forenoon the Captain
Demanded of the Cook who has been Kept in
Irons since Last Saturday whether he would
return to Duty again or not; The Cook concluded
that he would not in consequence of which
it is expected that we shall run into Rio Janeiro
Rio Janeiro to put him Ashore and to ship

Another in this room; after the book refused
his Chest was taken into the Cabin as the Captain
Declares the that he shall recieve only one suit of
Clothes to go Ashore in; the Wind is Northeast again
to Day and we have been heading South altogether
noon But this Afternoon they have altered her course
to South Southwest — 2nd Last night we ran
South South East But this Morning we altered
our course again for the South South West the
Wind and Weather same as yesterday —
3rd Today the Sea runs very high as we have
~~Rode~~ had A stiff Breeze from the North all last night and
this forenoon and appears Likely to hold on, our
Course Last and Today thus far has been South
South West — Monday the 4th Yesterday contrary
to my expectations the Breeze almost died
Away in the Afternoon and all last night we
had A very pleasant run and the Wind
Light and moderate is steady ~~and~~ regularly the Wind is still
along swiftly on our course the South South West Our Latitude
is somewhere about 25 Degrees Southward of the Line
and not this the Last few days for the first time
in my Life I have seen the Sun Directly over
head and to the Northward the whole aspect
of things is altogether different here to our home
Latitudes We have long since run down the
North Star and the Great Bear and numerous
other Constellations Which I have been
accustomed to behold are fast receding to
the Northward it is expected that within 2 or 3
Days we shall make some Port either St
Catherines Or Rio De Janiero; —
Tuesday 5th yesterday Afternoon the Wind
Died away and it became almost Calm; but
towards Evening it began to freshen up and
blow quite A Breeze from the North; ~~Saild~~
2 Ships were Descried this afternoon one on

the Starboard Bow and the other on our Larboard Beam; the Last one bearing towards us and towards night Our Captain had the Yards squared and we bore Down upon her with the intention of speaking her; When she came within speaking Distance we discovered we discovered that the Fore Brazilian Colors Green and Yellow ground with what appeared to be A Brown and A Rose in the Centre she had lost her Foretopgallant Mast and her flying Jib Boom was missing Our Captain offered them A Topmast but whether they understood or not or whether they were provided with Spars we do not know but at any rate they bore off and were soon out of Sight — the Wind kept growing stronger until about 3 O'clock in the morning (in the Starboard watch on Deck) it blew almost A Gale the Jib and flying Jib were furled as were also the Fore and Main Topgallant Sails and the Spanker and Mainroyal: the Fore, and Maintopsails were close reefed and style — with what little sail was left she ran along at the rate of 9 or 10 knots an hour; since Daylight the Wind has moderated and with the exception of A squall occasionally it is rather fair than otherwise Today is the Day that we draw our Months rations of Molasses 6 quarts to those who Drink Water and 4 to Coffee Drinkers; I said I believe but I was most woefully mistaken for there has been nothing but squalls of Wind and Rain all the afternoon and all sail were taken in except the Foresail the Foretopmast Staysail and the Mainsail and the Last one under Double reefs — 6th This morning the Wind had moderated A little and several of the sails were spread and we make great headway towards the Land which was seen on our Weather Bow this morning; the Water is very green where we now are sailing and it is supposed the

We are within Soundings; We have Tacked several times and are trying to beat up further to the Ward — 7th We still keep ausming for the Land and when we get pretty close we Tack Ship and run out to Sea again but with all our Tacking we gain but little into the Wind; we expect with good luck on our side to make Land this afternoon but whether we shall or not remains to be seen — Today we drew our monthly allowance of Molasses the Weather being too rough to break out on our regular days — 8th Today we kept tacking until about noon when we got into the Wind enough and then bore into Saint Catherines Bay and cast Anchor about midway between the Island of St. Catherines and the Main Land We had been there but A short time however when some Brazilians Officers came on board and insisted on our Weighing Anchor and removing nearer to the North side of the Bay which after considerable arguments we did one of the Brazilian Custom House Officers remains on board through for What purpose I cannot understand; The Larboard Boat went on Shore twice this Afternoon but without bringing off anything — Monday the 11th of December for the last two days we have had no watch below therefore I have written nothing; but this afternoon I take up my pen to mark down what has occurred since then on Saturday the Captain the 2nd Mate the Cook and 4 boats Crew rowed up the Bay to the town of St Catherines some 9 or 10 miles off to see the American Consul, And about 5 Oclock in the Afternoon they returned bringing back the Cook who has been reconciled to the Officers and A young Portuguese by the name of Manuel who has agreed to ship the remainder of the voyage for the 20th day; the Crew brought off A few bananas and sweet lemons which

Proved very good eating; On Sunday morning
Captain Bathgart an American by birth but
A Portugese by Adoption came on board and
bought Some Pork and Beef Potatoes and Flour
and a box of Soap which we took on shore for
Ships and after A short trip over the hills we
returned onboard bringing with us A barrel
of Sugar and A few bunches of Bananas;
As soon as we came on board we weighed
Anchor and put off to sea; and this morning
this Land was out of sight; The face of the
Country here on the Coast of Brazil presents
very few features similar in any respects
to our own country it is very rugged and Mountai-
nous with here and there A small patch of
cultivated land; The Bay that we entered is
open to the Eastward and runs up for about
5 miles and seperates the Island of St Catherine
from the Mainland and presents A very handsom
view from the hills that surround it; the weather
is very calm and pleasant today and we make
very little progress as what little Wind there is
is light and baffling — 12th We had A good breeze
last night but it Died Away this Morning and
the Weather today is very like yesterday; This morning
there was A Brig in sight heading the same
course that we are about 8 or 10 miles off on our
Lee Beam; we have been running south the most
part of last night and Today
Wednesday the 13th of December 1843. Last night
when the Sun went Down the Weather looked
rather threatening and the Wind began to increase
and about half past 10 Oclock All hands were
called to take in Sail as it was blowing A
perfect Gale accompanied by heavy thunder
and Lightning; it was the first time that I
had seen A storm that realized the expectations
I had formed of A Gale at Sea; but how the
heavy peals of Thunder rumbling in the Distance

And the quick and sharp flashes of Lightning that for A moment lighted up the whole Firmament and rendered the smallest object visible and then leaving us in total Darkness; Together with the Whistling of the Wind through the rigging and the Dashing of the Water against the Ships sides Formed A Picture at once Picturesque and Sublime that fully realized my most sanguine expectations in Short the gale was so strong that we had to take in all sail with the exception of A close reefed Foresail and Maintopsail and Fore topmast Stay Sail; under which we ran for 2 or 3 hours until after the Moon rose when the clouds began to clear away and we made sail again and it continued fine until Morning when the Wind rose again and has continued quite strong all Day; A Sail was seen this Morning on the Lee Bow; And another this Afternoon on our ~~Weather~~ Lee Quarter standing on the same Tack with us with all Sail set she appears to be as well as She can be made out to Barque like Ourselves ——— December 14th Last night and this Forenoon have been quite squally with rain ——— We have been running South by East all yesterday and today with the Wind from the North West and West; This Morning two Brigs were seen on our Larboard Beam one on the same Tack with us and the other running rather to the North West passed us on the Stern; This Afternoon 2 more Vessels were seen from the Mast head; ——— Friday the 15th Last night we took in Sail and lay to under A Staysail Forespencer And A close reefed Maintopsail And Spanker; This Morning at Day light A Barque under full sail was reported on the Weather Beam running on the same Tack with us and as we had reefed Topsails and No Topgallant sails set she gained on us considerable; but after we set Sail after A run of 2 or 3 hours we left her Astern; She ran on the same course as us after we left her but kept to the Leeward

Towards Night when she had gained so much
that she crossed our course Ahead of us and at Dark
was on Our Weather Bow — 16th This Morning
the Barque that kept us company yesterday was in
just the same position off our Weather Beam that she
was yesterday; we run West today and our friend
appears Determined to bear us company
17th very cold and raw this morning with considera
ble Fog; the Fog cleared up towards Noon and our
Consort was seen Ahead she having taken ad-
vantage of our Lying to last Night; we are running
South West with the Strong East
18th Course South West, 19th Course South East
Wind North; The Weather becomes quite cool and
after sunset we feel the Necessity of Thick Clothing
as we are rapidly nearing Cape Horn. This afternoon
A Barque was seen supposed to be the same
one that was in company with us A few Days
since, to night a School of Porpoises came and
we caught and hauled one of them inboard
20th This morning at Breakfast time we caught
another one; A Whale Boat was seen today
and our Captain ran Down to her and Spoke
her and finally after several invitations he
went on board and found out that it was the
Ship Armada of New London bound for
Home after an absence of 17 Months with
three thousands Barrels of Oil of which 200
Barrels are of Sperm the rest Right Whale
Oil she has been cruising on the North West
Coast and reports that Whales are plenty there
This Afternoon it has set in quite Rainy
and seems as if it would hold on A Spell.
Thursday the 21st The Weather has cleared up again
Today and is quite pleasant; We are steering West
South West and have A Favorable Breeze; Our
Latitude is About 40 South and our Longitude
About 45 West; Today Thousands of Porpoises
Came under our Bows as struck a lot of them

But the Irons Rewd and we lost the whole of them Although 2 of them were Killed outright 22nd Sea calm; Although A sea Life is very monotonous yet we have One resource left and that is Books of which the Skipper has A Large quantity and which he is Obliging enough to Loan to the Crew. I have begun at Sea since I have read the Cabinet of Collection of European tales A couple of volumes of tales by Wm Gilmore Simms, of Georgia the first volume of Rollins Ancient History the first United States Criminal Calendar Charles O'Malley And the Hungarian, Brothers And the first volume of the London Magazine A work over one hundred years old, besides several others which I will not mention. 23rd Today we have after what was reported to be Sperm Whales but after A pull of 3 or 4 miles they were discovered to be humpbacks, upon which we returned to the Ship ~~[illegible]~~ Today is Christmas and What A contrast does the manner in which we are spending it with that at Home There crowds of people in their Holiday guise are beaming with smiles are wishing each other A merry Christmas or paying visits and revelling in the enjoyments that hover round the social circle There the merry sound of the Sleigh Bells are mingled with the Joyous laughter of hundreds of Youthful pleasure hunters; And the voice of prayer is heard ascending from the house of God conveying to his presence the heartfelt thanks of thousands who are met there to commemorate the descent of his ~~[illegible]~~ Son into this wicked World to save sinners; But here things go on in their usual monotonous round And no notice is taken, apparently of this Day or of those events which are usually commemorated on it; not the slightest ~~[illegible]~~ difference in Diet or in Labor is allowed on this Day And I shall I acknowledge it our Glorious Christ

Dinner Consists of A Kid full of boiled Beans
And A Large Piece of Salt Beef, Oh first as insipid
and undesirable A dish as can be found and the
other Salter than the Salt itself. But let that
pass; And here's A Merry Christmas And A happy
New Years to all my friends and acquaintances
both on the Dry Land and on the Salt Sea and
many returns of the same; &c An Revoir; as the
French have it; December 27th Yesterday was a
A miserable Day that I could not muster spirit
enough to write anything. It commenced raining
about 1 Oclock in the Morning and it came Down
in A continued sheet until noon when it began
to break off A little; And although it was my watch
below yet enough rain came pattering down as
as to make every thing wear an appearance of
real Discomfort; So much so Indeed that I went
and turned into my Bunk and slept the Watch
out, after which I had no leisure until to day.
At sundown last night the sky had become
quite clear again and after Dark it was very
cold and continued so till this morning after
sunrise when it grew quite warm again: we
have been running before the wind Directly South
for the last 3 or 4 Days and our Captain intends
to steer Directly for Cape Horn from which
we are Distant about 12 Degrees

December 30th for the last 3 Days we have been
running South with North or NorthWest winds
& are today about 4 or 500 miles from Cape Horn
A Large number of Whales of the Finback Species
have been seen for the last 3 Days together with
Porpoises and Right Whale Birds; There are
Also hundreds of Penguins And Albatrosses
Daily to be seen flying round the Ship now diving
down to the surface of the Water in search
of anything that may be floating on it; a Snow
Bird keeping round and round in fantastic circles
and crossing each other in every Direction

Quite calm and the Ship lays like A Log upon
the Water; This morning A Fish line was cast over
Board with A piece of Pork at the end of it which
an Albatros swallowed and he was hauled
inboard when we measured him across the wings
and found that he was 9 feet 4 inches across
5th On the Evening of the 3rd it commenced raining
and continued to do so until yesterday at noon
when the rain held up: But the Wind began
to Blow quite Brave and continued to grow
stronger until it became A perfect gale
Sunday the 7th of ~~December~~ January until last night
the Wind continued to Blow very hard from the Southward
and there was A heavy Sea running to the Northward
East; On Friday we saw land on our Lee Bow and the
2nd after running towards it A while we wore Ship
and bore off to the Eastward and [illegible]
Back and Forth almost making no Progress
until this Morning - when the wind having veered
round to the Westward and proving quite fresh we
now make considerable progress This morning
at Sunrise this morning we saw Land ahead and
on both our Lee and Weather Bows together with
what we supposed to be A large Island of Ice: the
Island on our Weather Bow is called Diego's But the
names of the others I do not know. About 12
O'clock it commenced raining and blowing and
every thing looks equally as stormy
Thursday ~~January~~ December the 11th. The Weather has been
so very stormy for the last 4 days that I have
had no opportunity to write anything; and indeed
the weather is so very tempestuous yet that if it
were not for keeping the run that I would not
write now; yesterday we saw A Barque
heading to the Northward with single reefed
Topsails and whole lower sails while we were
laying to under Fore Storm Staysail and
Spanker; we have been working against the
Head Winds for the last week and [illegible]

December the 31st Today is the Last Day of
1843 And when I consider the different situation
I was placed in one year ago this Day; I really cou
cannot help reflecting on the changeful Destiny of
Man. One Year ago this Day I was at Home in the centre
of New York State 300 miles from the Sea; surrounded
by friends and Relations and all the enjoyments of
Social Life. And nothing wanting but the Will,
to be perfectly happy: & At there I remember my constant
complaint was Monotony! And to relieve myself from
the Monotony of A Country Life I came to Sea
lettered myself: Why as the old Adage hath it I have
Jumped out of the Frying Pan into the Fire; There I
occasionally enjoyed A change of scene. But here
if the scene changes at all: of which I have my Doubts
It is certainly A Fact which remains to be Discovered
We have been now almost 8 Months at Sea and the only
relief that we have found to our monotonous Life was
the sight of Land twice; And the occasional sight
of A Sail; So beaure to A Person of An Astronomical
Cast turn of mind the skies Present A Large
field for Enjoyment: Even as it is There is a great
deal of Pleasure to be enjoyed by one minutely versed
in that noble science by the totally different
appearance the skies present in these High Southern
Latitudes to those at home. The Magellanic
Clouds are to be seen every Clear night together with
numerous other Constellations which are
in our Northern Skies but of whose Names
I am totaly Ignorant. One Constellation I have
noticed more particularly: on account of its
Singular appearance and of its Remarkable resemblance
to the Letter A. There are many others of which as
I have not their names I can give no account. But
this I can say that to one versed in Astronomy these
Southern Skies are well worth A Study.

The Weather has been severely Cold During the Last
week and it still keeps growing more So as we near
Cape Horn. It is related that in the course

Today we shold see the Falkland Islands
which lie some 50 or 60 miles Ahead
New Years Day January the 1st 1874 To all
my Friends and Acquaintance I wish Health
Happiness, and Prosperity, on this first Day
of A New Year; hoping they may have many
returns of the same. Last Night About six
O'clock we came in sight of the Falkland Is-
lands; in consequence of the foggy Weather yes-
terday Afternoon we were close upon them
before we were Aware; indeed we were so
near that we could see the Surf raging upon
the Beach; And if we had been A few hours
later it is very Probable that we should have
run upon them; It was certainly A very
narrow escape; the Weather cleared up quite
about Sundown and remained so until
12 Oclock when it began to Blow and in
Short Time there was quite A strong gale
soon reduced us to the necessity of Taking
Sail which we continued to do until we had
nothing out but A Spanker Double reefed
Main topsail Foresail and Foretopmast
Staysail; under which we continued
run until about half past six this Morning
when the wind having lulled A little we
more sail This Morning too we discovered
land on our Lee Bow But its name I have
not heard yet; Sunnary 2nd about noon
yesterday the Weather became almost calm and
we drifted on bodily towards them; but about
5 Oclock A Breeze springing up now we soon
left the Land behind us; the name of this Island
is Sea Leland. and is the most southerly of the
Falkland group; Today the Wind is North West
and we run about South; the Wind has been
very favorable for us During the last 24 hours
and with this Breeze we hope to be at the
End of the Voyage — 3rd This morning the Decks

of making any headway we have been drifting to the Eastward and Northward and are now but little further South than we were on Tuesday last; I had often heard of Cape Horn and of the Storms that are frequently to be met with off the point of the Cape; but nothing of Description that I have heard respecting it could come up to what we have seen for the last 5 or 6 days; we have been rolling almost gunnel under for that time and have carried no sail unless it was for an hour or two at a time except A Foretopmast Staysail reefed Foresail close reefed Main topsail and Spanker; and part of the time with nothing but the Foresheet and and Spanker 12th Today we have A Dead calm although it has rained almost all Day; At somewhere near 5 Oclock A Breeze sprung up and the Fog cleared away and the Land was discovered on our Lee Beam and Bow and is pronounced to Be Cape Horn by Our Captain; we ran towards it for 2 or 3 hours with the expectation of clearing it; but the wind veered round to the South West and we were forced to Jack Ship and bear off to the South East again; January the 13th This morning at daylight we tacked again and tryed to Weather the Cape but were Baffled again by the head wind; and have got on the other Tack again; The Land in sight consists of 4 Islands 3 of them quite small but the largest one called Hermits Island is apparently some 20 or 30 miles in length with all its peaks covered with snow; the weather is very cold here although it is the height of Summer here and we are occasionaly favored with A squall of Snow or Hail; I have just been on deck and at the present moment the Snow is 2 inches deep there One thing and A most favorable thing it is for us too is the Long Daylight that we have here; In the whole course of the 24 hours there is scarcely 2 hours that may be called Dark; And indeed for those two the twilight is so strong that we can see to work on Deck quite plain; This forenoon A Ship was

Seen from the Deck bound Homeward apparently;
Sunday January the 17th The Vessel that we saw yes-
terday and which we thought was bound to the North
has since tacked and now appears to be bound round
the Horn; She is A full rigged Brig and is judged
to be Spanish by some of my Shipmates; besides
the Brig there was A Merchant Barque seen all Day
Yesterday on the same tack with us and also
bound Round the Cape; all Yesterday afternoon and
last night we ran to the Southeast; but this
morning ~~we~~ we tacked again and after 2 or 3 hours
sail we came in sight of the Cape again and
it is hoped that we may clear it this tack although
the wind still continues rather unfavorable. This
morning the Brig we saw yesterday was in sight
again right astern. 15 Yesterday about noon
the wind shifted a little to the Eastward and we
had A first rate Breeze which enabled us
to get up as far to the windward that we should
clear the Cape this time; About 10 o'clock last
night the wind died away and it became calm
~~And~~ and continued so until Six O'clock this
Morning when A Snow squall came up and the
snow came down the fastest and the flakes were
the largest I ever saw; And soon after it
was over A steady Breeze sprung up and we
now go ahead at the rate of 5 or 6 miles an hour
We are now heading about South in order to clear
A number of small rocks called Diego's which lie
about 3 points on our Lee Bow; Those Islands that
we saw A week ago yesterday and which ~~have been~~
I heard called Diego's have since been found to
be of Different names although I cannot remember
them. 16th Last night about 7 O'clock I took my
last look of Cape Horn and of the Diego groups
of Islands until my return Home and it is very
possible that I may not see it then; And yet
if I do not; we have been in its neighborhood long
enough to have its appearance indelibly impressed

Upon my memory; we having been tacking towards
and from the Land ever since Last Friday night
when we came in sight of the Island that forms
the base for the first time; One fortunate circumstance
connected with our voyage round the Land at this season
of the Year is the fact that for the Last 4 weeks we have
had scarcely any Night; And the whole Horizon from
Southwest to Southeast During the night is lighted up
like our sky at home after Sunset and thus throughout
the whole 24 hours we are never Destitute of light
Last night after 11 O'clock A Ship bound to the
Northward was seen and passed before Dark; This
Morning we have A strong and favorable Breeze from
the South & and have been running all the morning
West South West; This morning we caught A right Whale
Porpoise of the most beautiful Description; White under
the belly and otherwise colored very handsomely; they
are far better looking and are quicker in their motions
than the common Porpoise — Wednesday the 17th all Day
Yesterday 2 vessels were in sight and are so again this
morning — Last night at Sunset an Island called
Alderano was in sight right off our Starboard Bow
but is out of sight this morning — Sometime last
night the wind died away and with the exception
of an occasional Squall it remains perfectly calm
18th; the Wind Sprung up again yesterday afternoon
and has blown A strong Breeze all last night
and today; And the way that we cut through the
Water is A caution to Race Horses; since yesterday
we have been running West North West and
average I should think some 6 or 7 Knots an hour
This morning A Ship passed us bound to the
South East but whether A merchant vessel
or A Whaleman I do not know. Friday the 19th
the Breeze continued all last night and although it
has slackened A little this morning yet what there
is; is very favorable; This morning A Barque
was to be seen off our Weather Beam; heading
precisely the same course — January the 21st 1852

Yesterday we had A fine Breeze from the South West all Day. And although not quite so strong as it was yesterday yet we have A very good South Wind to day. This morning Land was seen from the Mast Head off our Lee Bow 2 vessels were also seen in the same direction. Monday the 22nd we ran in towards the Land all yesterday and by Night we arrived within 15 or 20 miles and could distinctly distinguish the outline of the Coast of Patagonia for some 30 or 40 miles; It has A very bold and rocky appearance; And is the highest and most precipitous Land that I have yet seen; Last night just before Dark we took in Sail and ran out to Sea until this morning when we stood in towards the Land again; the Land is to be seen to the East of us as far as the Eye can reach Tuesday the 23rd This morning Land is in sight to the Eastward of us as far as the Eye can reach and there is some of it to the North West of us ahead. — 24th This forenoon we came in sight of the Island of Guafo in the Neighborhood of which it is believed that we shall cruise; The Island is apparently some 15 or 20 miles in length and it does not appear to be quite so high as most of the Land we have hitherto seen; The Wind continues South and the Weather is very mild and Pleasant; — 25th Yesterday in the Afternoon we came in sight of the Island of Chiloe on which the Port of St Carlos is situated; it is some 20 or 30 miles from the Island of Guacho to the North And it Lies in Latitude 42 South — Last Night about 6 O'clock there were 5 Whaling Vessels in sight; 4 of them were Ships and the other was A Barque; 2 of them were so near that we could plainly distinguish the Men At the Mast Head One of them hauled up his Spanish sail by way of expressing A wish that we should visit each other, but our Captain did not wish to hold any communication with them therefore he declined the invitation

Not answering the signal; therefore we passed on
without hailing; The Barque and one of the Ships were
employed in trying out Oil And their fires were
blazing up very Brightly all last Night; Today the
Wind is pretty Strong and we are running under reefed
Topsails; 25th Today we are sailing North with A
Breeze from the South; 26th Last night we tacked Ship
and today we are running South again. The Wind has
veered round to the Westward and is quite favorable
Sunday January the 27th — Last Night about 5
Oclock we lowered all our Boats after Black Fish
and after considerable Trouble the Starboard Boat
fastened to one of them; the Fish towed the Boat
with great velocity through the Water for about 15
Minutes when the Iron drew and it got clear. Soon
after we got on board A Storm commenced and con-
tinued to increase until in the Night it blew
a perfect Gale. Towards Morning it Lulled somewhat
This Afternoon it is quite fine again — One of the hands
caught an Albatross this morning and killed him
then having taken some quills and feet Bones for
curiosity's sake we threw the rest overboard We have
A Southeast Wind today and are running North
West by North — Monday the 28th We have been steering
East all day today and it is supposed that if we continue
on this course that we shall see Land Tomorrow —
Today we drew our Monthly allowance of Molasses and
Broke out for Water — 29th Today Wind South East and
quite pleasant — This forenoon Land was seen from
the Mast head to the Northeast of us as was expected
we having been running East all Last Night and
today — Today we rigged the Flying Jib Boom and
set the Flying Jib — We have also Bent the Gaff Top-
Sail and have now got all Sail set
Sunday Morning February the 3rd This morning
I take my Pen with the intention of relating some of
the occurrences of the Last 5 Days — About 9 Oclock
Last Thursday Morning A Number of Sperm Whales
were seen from the Mast head some 20 or 3 miles to the

Lee Ward of us; The Boats were immediately lowere
in pursuit; After pulling for An hour and half or more
the Larboard Boat got within 2 boats lengths and our
Harpooner was preparing to strike when they showed flu
and went down — Another time we did the same and
got disappointed — the next time the Whales rose the Lar
Boat was the nearest to them and finally with paddling
gently and the use of their Sail they were fortunate enou
to fasten to one; As quick as possible after they had fa
stened we pulled up alongside and put 2 more Irons
into him; The Mate also Lanced him and after flound
ing about for half an hour he died; as soon as he was
dead we cast off one Boat and pulled on board and then
down to the Whale and fastened him alongside; we
commenced cutting in right after dinner and by
Dark had him all cut in; We commenced boiling
next morning and yesterday afternoon we finished
boiling cleaning up and all before Dark; the Whale
made about 21 Barrels of Oil; Monday the 4th Thursday
Noon we lowered after what we first was supposed
to be Sperm Whales; but when we came pretty close
to them we discovered them to be Humpbacked
and left off chasing them; after we came on board
the Yards were squared and we ran close in shore
and ran along within 2 or 3 miles of the Land until
Dark when we ran out to sea again; 5th in the middle
Watch last night they wore ship and ran for the Land
and we are calculating to make the small Port of
Valdivia; which lies in Latitude 40 South and
is situated about 130 miles North of St Carlos
the Port we had hitherto thought to enter. We have got our
Anchor chain out of the hole; and the Anchor is ready
to drop. the country appears to be very Mountainous
and last night we saw some peaks that we thought
were covered with Snow — Sunday the 17th of
February within 2 hours after I wrote the above the
last Anchor and have laid in port until this
morning when we weighed Anchor; but in
consequence of the Wind being rather unfavorable